

REMARKS

The Advisory Action of September 3, 2008 was received and carefully reviewed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the currently pending rejections are requested for the reasons advanced in detail below.

Claims 1-6, 14-21, 27 and 28 were pending prior to the instant amendment. By this amendment, claims 1, 4, 16 and 19 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27 and 28 are allowed. The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowable subject matter. Consequently, claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27 and 28 are currently pending and indicated as allowable in the instant application.

In the Advisory Action, claims 1, 4, 16 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. Pub. 2002/0022364 to Hatta et al. (hereinafter Hatta) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,782,928 to Kweon et al. (hereinafter Kweon), U.S. Patent No. 6,871,943 to Ogawa (hereinafter Ogawa) and U.S. Patent No. 5,549,780 to Koinuma et al. (hereinafter Koinuma). This rejection is respectfully traversed at least for the reasons provided below.

It should be noted that in light of the cancellation of claims 1, 4, 16 and 19 the corresponding prior art rejection mentioned above is rendered moot. Hence, withdrawal of the 103 rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, this claimed invention, as amended, is not rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicants therefore request the entry of this response, the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

In discussing the specification, claims, and drawings in this response, it is to be understood that Applicants in no way intend to limit the scope of the claims to any exemplary

embodiments described in the specification and/or shown in the drawings. Rather, Applicants are entitled to have the claims interpreted broadly, to the maximum extent permitted by statute, regulation, and applicable case law.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite issuance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned agent at (202) 585-8100.

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